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I am writing in support of making the Piedras Blancas area a MLPA as outlined in plan #2 submitted by the advisory council. I was a member of the first advisory council that was not able to finish its submissions because of lack of funds. Back then as now I thought that Piedras Blancas was a perfect candidate for inclusion in an overall plan. It has all of the kinds of environments that need to be protected, is easy to identify from land and sea, and has state parks personnel on site to monitor compliance.

I am also an elephant seal docent and spend a lot of time talking with visitors there. The elephant seal rookery at Piedras Blancas gets probably 500,000 visitors a year, which is more than even Hearst Castle, they are from all over the country as well as from all over the world. All the ones I talk with are awestruck by the abundance and diversity of marine life at Piedras Blancas and of course they are only viewing the above water wildlife. I would love to be able to show those visitors a display at VP3 explaining the MLPA designation for Piedras Blancas. I also think it would be a great idea if the display would include a list of all the stakeholders groups that had the foresight and fortitude to protect this jewel for generations to come.

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